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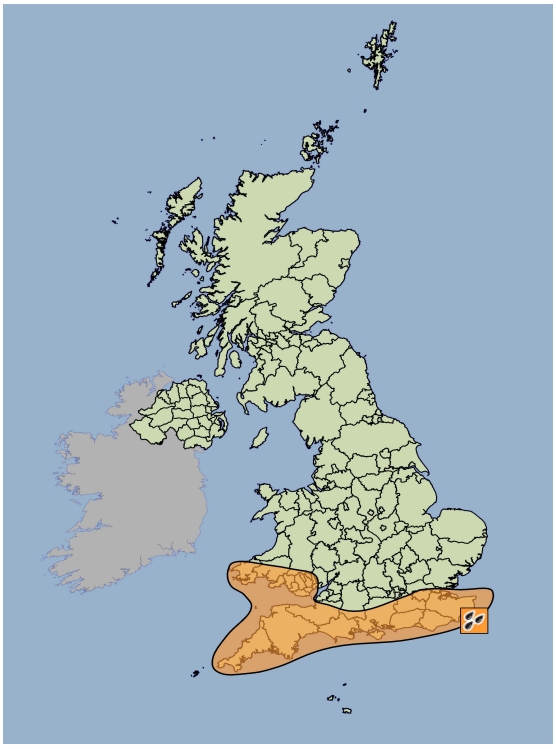

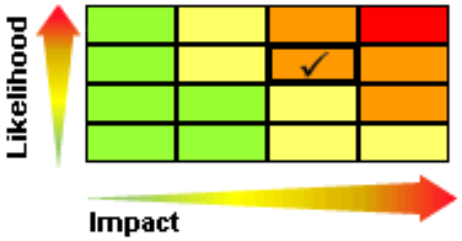

Chief Forecasters Assessment
A deep area of low pressure will sweep an active frontal system across England and Wales on Monday. This will bring 20-40 mm rainfall quite widely, with over 60 mm likely across parts of the high ground of southern England and South Wales. Falling onto saturated ground, this will bring the risk of both surface water and river flooding.

Meanwhile, south to southwesterly winds will increase with gusts 70-80 mph likely around exposed coasts, particularly along the English Channel. Further inland, gusts of 50-60 mph are likely through the amber area, with a lower risk of gusts reaching 70 mph - more especially across southeast England during the evening.

The Met Office have issued an **Amber Warning** of **Rain**

Valid from **07:00 on Mon, 23rd Dec 2013** until **09:00 on Tue, 24th Dec 2013**

A spell of heavy rainfall is expected to affect parts of southern England and South Wales during Monday. This will fall onto saturated ground and lead to a risk of some flooding. Gale to severe gale force winds will be an added hazard, with the potential for very strong gusts across coastal areas.

The public should be prepared for the likelihood of some significant disruption due to the combined hazards of heavy rainfall and high winds.

The rainfall should clear southeast England on Tuesday morning, with the winds moderating from the west.

For more details please go to:
http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/public/weather/warnings

Issued by the Met Office at 12:26 on Sun, 22nd Dec 2013

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